

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Court will select a part-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Washington at Vancouver. The person selected will replace the incumbent, who will retire March 23, 2007 after 28 years of distinguished service. The new Magistrate Judge will enter on duty March 24, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible. Applications are now being accepted for the position.

Position Description - Part-Time United States Magistrate Judge - Vancouver, Washington

The United States District Court, Western District of Washington announces the vacancy of the position of Part-Time Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Washington at Vancouver. The person selected will replace the incumbent, who will retire March 23, 2007. The new Magistrate Judge will assume duties on duty March 24, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible. Applications are now being accepted for the position.

The duties of the part-time Magistrate Judge position may include the following:

- (1) to conduct initial appearances, pretrial matters, trial and disposition of petty and misdemeanor cases charged as violations of regulations promulgated by the U.S. Forest Service, General Services Administration, Veterans Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the Corps of Engineers.
- (2) to conduct initial appearances and related matters in criminal cases.
- (3) to consider under oath, Applications for Search Warrants, Applications for Arrest Warrants, and Complaints in criminal matters.
- (4) such other responsibilities as may be assigned.

The jurisdiction of the Part-Time Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. 636(a).

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been a member in good standing for at least five years of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of a United States magistrate judge, be of good moral character, be emotionally stable and mature, be committed to equal justice under law, be in good health, be patient and courteous, and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old;
- (4) Not be related to an active Judge of the District Court;
- (5) Possess such other qualifications for the position as may be established by the district court.

The person serving in this position may practice law, and may appear as counsel in any case in state court and in any civil case in this court. He or she may not, however, appear as counsel in a criminal case in this court.

A Merit Selection Panel will review all applications and recommend to the Judges of the District Court in confidence a list of the persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups. The current annual salary of the position is \$25,512.00. The term of office is four years.

Application forms and further information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the Clerk of the District court (or via the court's web site at www.wawd.uscourts.gov).

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Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees and must be received no later than September 1, 2006. Applications can be mailed to the address noted above.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the Judges of the District Court. The Panel's deliberations will remain confidential.